

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 638
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A RESOLUTION to name the Tennessee National Guard Armory in Lebanon in honor of Major General Carl D. Wallace.

WHEREAS, from time to time, our State has given birth to exemplary citizens whose deeds of valor and honor reflect favorably on the Volunteer State, even as they inspire us all to reach for greater glory; and

WHEREAS, Major General Carl D. Wallace is one such exemplary citizen who served his community, state, and nation with the utmost dedication and honor during the Korean War; his career spent in service of the most inviolate principles of freedom and preparedness stands as exemplary testimony to the irrefutable value of the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, born May 20, 1931, in Indian Mound, Tennessee, Carl Wallace graduated from Stewart County High School, attended Austin Peay State College, the University of Tennessee at Nashville, and earned a bachelor's degree from Cumberland University in Lebanon; he enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1951 and then transferred to the United States Army and attended Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; and

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WHEREAS, commissioned a Second Lieutenant, his first assignment was in the 47th Division Artillery, Fort Rucker, Alabama; during the Korean War, he served with the 189th Field Artillery Battalion, 45th Infantry Division (Thunderbirds) until December 1953; and

WHEREAS, in June of 1955, Carl Wallace left the Army Reserves to become Company Commander of the newly organized 194th Engineer Battalion of the Tennessee National Guard; his career included service as Company Commander of the 230th Engineer Battalion in 1959, replacement Detachment Commander in 1964 and later Information Officer in Headquarters, 30th Armored Division, and Administrative Officer, Headquarters, Tennessee National Guard; and

WHEREAS, in January 1968, Major General Wallace began a series of assignments as the Information Officer of the 30th Armored Division, Commander of the 118th Public Information Detachment (Field Service), and appointment to the Headquarters Staff of The Adjutant General; on January 18, 1975, he was named Tennessee's 70th Adjutant General and on May 1, 1978, he was federally recognized as a Major General; and

WHEREAS, Major General Wallace is the only Adjutant General of Tennessee in history to have been promoted to the state rank of Lieutenant General; and

WHEREAS, Major General Wallace's distinguished military career was capped by his service as The Adjutant General of the Tennessee National Guard from 1975 to 1991; his awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with two bronze stars, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two hourglass devices, and the United Nations Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, Major General Wallace's Tennessee awards include the National Guard Commendation Ribbon with two oak leaf clusters, Governor's Meritorious Unit Citation with two service stars, National Guard Distinguished Unit Commendation with oak leaf cluster, National

Guard Service Ribbon with bronze service star and three oak leaf clusters, and the National Guard Volunteer Ribbon; he has also received the Distinguished Service Medal from the National Guard Association of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the members, former members, and retirees of the National Guard units located in Lebanon have expressed a desire to name the city's armory in honor of Major General Wallace, a man of great distinction, courage, and character; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the Tennessee National Guard Armory in Lebanon, Wilson County is hereby designated as the "Major General Carl D. Wallace National Guard Armory" as a lasting tribute to this august gentleman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Military is directed to erect suitable signs or affix suitable markers designating such edifice as the "Major General Carl D. Wallace National Guard Armory".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the Department of the Military from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the State for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The Department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the persons or entity paying for such sign within thirty (30) days of the erection of such sign. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the Department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring persons or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to
The Adjutant General.